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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL INCIDENT REPORT

1. MSG APPARENTLY KILLED WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM
FIRE AT POST #5, AMEMBASSY PARIS; FELL FIVE STORIES TO
HIS DEATH.

2. 1 MARCH 1978, APPROX 2245 HRS PARIS TIME

3. POST #5 AMEMBASSY PARIS, LOCATED AT U.S. DELEGATION
TO OECD.

4. CAPT E. D. BRINDEL, XO, CO "A" MSGBN

5. VICTIM:

A. SERGEANT

B. BOBBY A. ROMERO

C. 471 64 15 01

D. MSG, AMEMBASSY, PARIS
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E. MALE: 16 JUL 54

6. SGT ROMERO REPORTED A FIRE ON HIS POST (POST #5)
TO SERGEANT OF THE GUARD BY TELEPHONE AT 2230 HOURS
ON 1 MARCH 1978. WHILE SOG ENROUTE TO OECD BUILDING,
ATTEMPTS TO CALL POST #5 RECEIVED ONLY BUSY SIGNAL.

SOG ARRIVED AT OECD BLDG AT 2250, BUT FIREMEN WOULD NOT ADMIT HIM TO FIFTH FLOOR (POSITION OF POST #5) IMMEDIATELY. ASST NCOIC ARRIVED ON SCENE AT 2300 BUT NO SIGN OF SGT ROMERO COULD BE FOUND IN VICINITY OF MARINE DESK. FRENCH FIREMEN WOULD NOT DISCLOSE TO THE ANCOIC THE LOCATION OF SGT ROMERO UNTIL AN EMBASSY OFFICER, THE ASST RSO, ARRIVED AND THE TWO OF THEM WERE LED TO THE BODY WHICH WAS ON THE GROUND IN THE REAR OF THE BUILDING. POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION MADE BY SSGT BRANDT, ASST NCOIC, BUT BODY WAS BEING GUARDED UNTIL FRENCH POLICE HAD INVESTIGATED THE SCENE OF DEATH.

7. DECEASED MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY; ALL PERSONNEL STATIONED AT EMBASSY, PARIS.

8. CAPT E. D. BRINDLE, XO, CO "A" ENROUTE TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION.

9. UNKNOWN.

10. LOCAL INTEL, OFFICER HAS BEEN NOTIFIED.

11. COGNIZANT PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED. REPORT OF DEATH, NONBATTLE, ISSUED BY NCOIC, PARIS. NEWS MEDIA INTEREST/COVERAGE UNKNOWN.

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12. AREA OF FIRE SECURED BY ADDITIONAL MSG'S CHECK OF CLASSIFIED CONTAINERS DOES NOT INDICATE ANY BREACH OF SECURITY. LEHMANN

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